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ARKANSAS

Modern Swimming Pool *State Press* *June 6-21-57* Adds Pleasure to AFB *Little Rock, Ark.* *P. 8* Personnel and Dependent

Little Rock Air Force Base recently added another morale builder to its list when the first of three proposed swimming pools opened June 4.

The pool, ultra-modern in design, is for use of all officers, NCO's and enlisted men and their dependents.

Rules have been established by officials of the base on the use of the pool to protect personnel from any accidents that may happen.

For children, children under 12 years of age and younger must at all times be accompanied by a parent or guardian. In order for teenagers to use the pool, unsupervised, the age must first be established by the parent or guardian, in person and an entry made accordingly on the pool log-register; his or her swimming ability must be determined by the lifeguard on duty.

Two lifeguards are on duty at all times plus one young lady attending the check in and out counter for dependents. In addition to this there is one male attendant on duty, part-time, to handle the check in and out for male personnel.

One of the most modern features of the pool is the underwater vacuum cleaner that keeps the pool clear of all foreign matter. The pool is "vacuumed" each day.

Another feature of the pool is the chlorination plant. It is the most modern in design and purifies the 325,000 gallons of water continually, keeping the bacteria count down. In addition, the pool is clear of all foreign mat-

to the chlorination plant. A senior pool attendant takes water samples every hour to make sure the plant is doing its job.

The pool is 120 feet by 70 feet and cost a total of \$251,000.04. It is the first pool to open at LRA but another pool has already been programmed for the officers and a third pool is tentatively programmed for the Non-Commissioned Officers.



RECREATION PROGRAM AT PEARCE ST. SCHOOL

The summer recreation program has just reached the halfway mark at the 33rd and Pearce Street Center. Henry Jenkins Jr., is coordinator. Each day begins with a devotional period. Movies are shown weekly by the audio-visual coordinator, R. A. McKinney. Students are shown above participating in some of the activities offered. Children of all ages are shown (top) enjoying the arts and crafts. Miss E. V. Coker (center) guides the smaller children. These pre-school students are learning how to become adjusted socially, emotionally, physically and mentally before entering school. Violinists (bottom) under the tutorship of Mr. Jenkins are shown accompanying a singing group. Other recreational activities include softball, croquet, horseshoes, checkers and dominoes under the supervision of Mrs. Doris A. Jones and Mr. Jenkins. Parents in the vicinity may send their children daily from 8 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 4 p.m.

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Recreation

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A parade of witnesses representing national conservation and outdoor groups, called yesterday for an inventory of the nation's recreational resources, present and potential.

Ben H. Thompson of the National Park Service, James T. McElroy of the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Edward C. Crafts of the U. S. Forest Service endorsed the proposed survey.

Their testimony was presented to the Senate Interior Committee at a hearing on a bill that would establish a National Outdoor Recreation Resources Inventory.

The measure, introduced by Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-Mt.), has seven co-sponsors: James E. Murray (D-Mont), Arthur V. Watkins (R-Utah), John Cargill (D-Colo.), Frank A. Barrett (R-Wyo.), Thomas H. Hatch (R-Calif.), Gordon Allott (R-Colo.), and Richard L. Neuharper (D-Ore.).

The senators, concerned with present and potential encroachments, want Congress to preserve existing playgrounds and wilderness and to locate other suitable areas to meet recreational demands of a spiraling population.

Assessing the role of wilderness, Watkins made these points:

• We are experiencing a net loss of three million citizens a year.

• Shorter work weeks and more working hours are al-

lording more opportunity for leisure.

• Unrivaled national prosperity assures improved means of travel, more vacation money and more and better recreation equipment.

• Superhighways, airports, new townships and ever-expanding industrial plants are crowding in on land now used for outdoor fun.

The 41,000-mile superhighway system approved by the last Congress alone will usurp another 1,476,000 acres. That is in excess of 2,306 square miles—more than enough space, Watkins said, for 31 cities the size of San Francisco.

J. W. Penfold of the Inland Walton League said that when the United States became a Nation, its land area provided about 600 acres for each man, woman and child in the original 13 colonies. Today, this has dwindled to 13½ acres per capita.

His grandsons, said Penfold, "will sustain a further reduction to about 3 acres, on which they will be entirely dependent for everything—home, garage, schools, streets, ballparks, factories, cornfields, wheatlands, forest products, minerals, and, yes, hunting, fishing, camping, mountain climbing, bird-watching and wilderness adventure."

He urged a start now on a program "which will assure future generations that the eight acres will contain a relative abundance, undiminished in scope and quality, of the outdoor recreation opportunities so essential to well-being."

Other witnesses supporting the measure included Howard Zahniser, Wilderness Society; Fred W. Packard, American Forestry Association; Dan Poole, Wildlife Management Institute; Stewart M. Brandborg, National Wildlife Federation; David R. Brower, Sierra Club; Fred B. Linton, Outboard Boating Club of America; Spencer M. Smith Jr., Citizens' Committee on Natural Resources; and Stanley W. Little, National Campers and Hikers Association.

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LAKE PERIMETER *Montgomery, Ala.* **Georgia Appropriation For Two Parks, New Woodruff Reservoir Gets Approval**

DONLSONVILLE, Ga., April 1. — A \$61,450 state appropriation has been approved by Governor Marvin Griffin for development of two state parks in the Seminole County section of the Jim Woodruff Reservoir, according to John L. Spooner, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners.

Spooner said parks for both white and Negroes would be constructed. He gave the location of the white area, already known as the Marvin Griffin State Park, at the intersection of Georgia Highways 253 and 39. It is 15 miles south of Donalsonville on the lake's perimeter.

Spooner said the money would be spent for buildings to house concessions, pump houses and wells, diving towers and boards, buoys, channel markers, picnic tables, grills, shelters, sanitary facilities, and sandings of beaches.

He explained that state and county expenditures of approximately \$25,000, had already gone for access roads, parking areas, boat docking and launching ramps, diving towers and boards in the park area and for six concrete ramps at other points on the lake.

Spooner also said a road development program is underway to provide 45 miles of paved roads connecting the main traffic arteries funneling into the area to access points of the reservoir.

patrons and are for Negroes, George J. Simons, city parks manager, said. The white pools are located at Adams, Candler, Garden Hills, Grant, Madrox, Chastain Memorial, Oakland City, Piedmont, South Bend and White parks. The Negro pools are at Mozley, Pittman and Washington parks.

Simons said the pools will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Saturdays and from 2 until 10 p.m. on Sundays. Swimmers will be charged 20 cents at all times, he said, but children under 12 will be admitted free from 8:30 a.m. to noon on weekdays.

About 54 lifeguards have been engaged for the summer and at least one will be on duty at each pool during swimming hours, Simons said. He pointed out that the lifeguards are trained and approved by the Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Alderman Charlie Leftwich, chairman of the parks' committee, said about 1,500,000 swimmers, including thousands of repeaters, utilized the pools last year.

Atlanta, Ga. **Atlanta's 13 City-Owned Swimming Pools Will Open for Season at 2 p.m. Saturday**

Atlanta's 13 modern versions of the old swimmin' hole will be opened for the 1957 season at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Operation of the city-owned pools will begin on the day after summer vacation ends for more than 100,000 Atlanta school children.

There is a pool for white

\$50,000 Swimming Pool At Indian Village Dedicated

Week's New Orleans, La.
Sat. 4-13-57
The formal dedication of the new Indian Village Boy Scout Camp Pool of the New Orleans Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, was held on Saturday afternoon on the camp site near Slidell. Scores of boy scouts, scouters, parents and friends attended the program and witnessed the long dreamed over swimming pool become a reality.

The dedication of the pool, which was constructed at a cost of more than \$50,000 marked the beginning of a more rounded program for Scouts using the facilities at Indian Village Camp. E. C. Jones, District Scout Executive, John Albert District, stated that the first actual camp-out will be on April 26, 27 and 28.

The dedicatory address was delivered by the Rev. T. W. Gaines, pastor, Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, who substituted for Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Presiding Bishop, Eighth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church.

In a scholarly-like manner, Rev. Gaines traced the early history and development of the art of swimming from the days of ancient Egypt, centuries before the coming of Christ, to the present-day. He pointed out that "Boy Scouts of America is an organization for boys which helps them, through work and play, to become better world citizens."

Scouts are taught service to God and Country and duty to all human beings," stated Rev. Gaines, and it was around this thought he developed his message.

"When we play together... whether our skin be black or white, we learn something constructive of one another. It is then that we appreciate the intrinsic value of our fellow man."

Ponchartrain Park Residents Riled

Week's New Orleans, La.
Sat. 4-29-57
A nearby amusement center in the Ponchartrain Park Homes area where teen-agers frequent, has been termed a nuisance, according to residents and homeowners.

However Herbert Permillion, president of the Ponchartrain Park Improvement Association, reported that no formal complaint had been issued by any resident to date. He further commented that should a complaint be made, it will be vigorously investigated and processed on grounds that the association is interested in maintaining first-class neighborhood standards throughout the Subdivision.

On the heels of Permillion's comment, one homeowner in the area declared:

"There is much unrest and dissatisfaction being expressed among many of the property-owners in Ponchartrain Park because of discarded beer cans, paper and other trash tossed on lawns of some homes nearest the amusement center. Loud and boisterous talk, the use of foul language and continuous marching up and down the streets by teenagers dressed in all manner of bathing suits and unsightly clothing which detracts from an otherwise picturesque neighborhood."

The homeowner, who asked that his name not be used in the story, declared further: "So far more than a million dollars worth of property has been purchased by the proud-homeowners in this newly developing venture. The average cost of a home in Ponchartrain Park is about \$14,000.00. This is too much money to be invested where the many investors are

expressing dissatisfaction. Some are saying that if they had known that they were going to be bothered this way they never would have bought out in Ponchartrain Park."

Meanwhile some residents are asking "What can be done to end this unpleasant situation. It seems that they have been told Sub Rosa that a political tie-up somewhere prevents their doing anything about the removal of the cause. Do the residents realize that already as of this day, their precinct, No. 31-A, has 361 registered voters? With so many already registered and with many more who will soon change their registration on to that precinct, they already have a strong weapon with which to get some satisfactory reaction with the use of the ballot."

Mich. Group Opens New Lake Resort

DETROIT — A group of Detroit Negro businessmen has completed plans to develop a huge summer resort on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Edward M. Burke and Carl S. Green, builders and land developers, and Hawkins Steele, secretary-general manager of Dignity Building and Housing Corporation, disclosed that they had been negotiating on the venture for several months.

The resort area is to be known as "Golden Cliffs" and is located on Lake Michigan between two of Michigan's best known national vacation spots, Hart and Pentwater.

600 ACRES

The beautiful, heavily wooded 600-acre site also is less than 50 miles from Idlewild.

As its name suggests, Golden Cliffs overlooks the lake from a height of 75 feet. One of the most appealing natural features of the resort is a nearly mile long white sand beach. The beach, according to Michigan vacationers, matches any in the world.

The Detroit group plans to construct motels and other entertainment facilities on the huge plot because of its central location — only 25 miles from Detroit and Chicago — and its many natural and contemplated advantages. Golden Cliffs is expected to become one of the nation's finest summer pleasure centers.

\$120,000
Negro Pool
Is Planned

VICKSBURG, Miss. (Special) — Construction of a \$120,000 Negro swimming pool is scheduled to begin within a few days, Alderman Negro Lafayette announced Thursday.

The pool, modern in every respect, will be built on Lane's Hill near the new \$100,000 dollar Negro high school now under construction.

The Negro pool was made available through a city bond issue passed last year.

A new white swimming pool, made possible through the same bond election, is nearing completion at City Park.

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NORTH CAROLINA

RECREATION HEAD -
Charles A. Weaver, an all-
time "football great"
A. B. Collins, MS, has
named supervisor of the
recreation program for the
year in Charlotte, N. C.

Aiken Sets Up Citizen Council

Aiken, S. C. — A group of Negro citizens met recently at the Friendship Activity Bldg. and organized a "Citizen Recreation Council." This organization will work in conjunction with the city of Aiken and other interested establishments and individuals toward fostering recreation for Aiken's Negro youth.

The following officers were elected: Jason H. Smith, chairman; Mrs. William Robinson, co-chairman; Mrs. J. E. Harley, treasurer; Mrs. B. James, recording secretary, and Mrs. J. E. Harley, corresponding secretary.

The city has been without a Negro youth center since Feb. 1, 1956 when Springfield high school took over facilities formerly used for that purpose.

Since then the city has been seeking ways of obtaining a new Negro center and still stay within the current fiscal budget.

City Plans To Block Negro Usage

MARSHALL, Tex. (AP) — In a special election tonight, on the proposition that voters of the city commission vote to allow the city commission to dispose of all city parks and swimming pools, the action was seen as a direct move to keep Negroes from using the facilities on an equal basis with whites.

The proposition was put to the voters in the called election as the result of a suit by T. H. Edwards, a local Negro resident. Edwards had filed the suit claiming he had been denied admittance to the Marshall city swimming pool because of his race, and asked Federal Judge Lamar Cecil of Houston to issue a temporary injunction restraining the city from barring him from the pool.

The judge denied the temporary injunction but scheduled a hearing on a motion for permanent injunction in November.